

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-14 (1 and 3-14, as Claim 2 was previously cancelled) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner contends that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “the guide element” recited in lines 10/11 of Claim 1, and the terms “sheet-like” and “gripper-like” render the scope of the claims unascertainable. By this paper, Claim 1 has been amended such that the subject limitation has been provided with proper antecedent basis; additionally, the term “-like” has been removed in all instances. The Examiner has also objected to the format of Claim 1 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(i), which has been addressed in the amendments to Claim 1 as now presented. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection, and objection, should now be removed.

Further, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 5, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glanzmann. However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 4 and 6-12 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, by this paper, Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out that which the Applicant regards as the invention by including the allowable subject matter of Claim 4 (now cancelled without prejudice). As such, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 1, and Claims 3-14 dependent upon amended Claim 1, which are the claims remaining in this Application, are now allowable.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

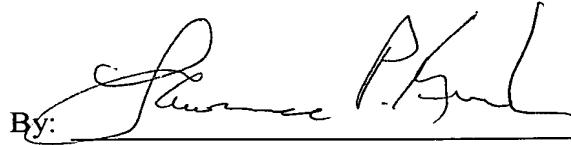
This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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